

# Council Study Session 5

## Focus: Parking

This study session explored parking opportunities in downtown Redmond. A city survey revealed that about 17,000 parking spaces are available downtown. In general, there is adequate supply downtown if properly managed. The parking study session examined the relationship between parking and urban form, and the role parking has in relation to the vision for downtown as expressed in the Comprehensive Plan. Two parking opportunities were suggested:

- Community parking options
- Maximize on-street parking opportunities

### Community Parking

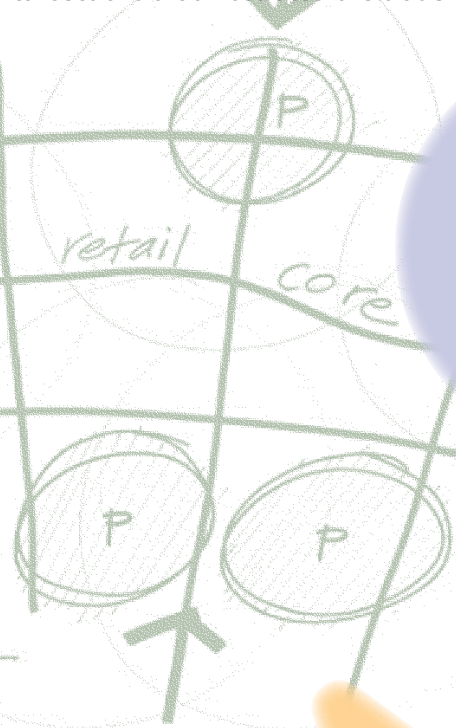
Examining the development pattern downtown reveals that the greatest opportunity for community parking may lie in the downtown core. New development has occurred that is consistent with the vision for downtown. Town Center and Lion's Gate are good examples. The smaller parcels within the old downtown core suggest that it may be difficult to achieve this vision and accommodate parking on-site. Community parking would support the type of development envisioned for the downtown by relieving on-site parking requirements.

The location concept diagram (below) illustrates issues to consider when locating community parking. Considerations include walking distance, the street system and key gateways, and the potential for smaller facilities distributed around the downtown.

### On Street Parking

The Council was presented with typical sections that illustrated the trade-

offs among different on-street parking configurations. Angle parking allows for considerably more parking than a parallel parking configuration but requires more right-of-way, has the potential for a greater number of accidents, and is best designed for slow-moving traffic. Another opportunity for on-street parking would be to replace a travel lane with parking on some streets.



### Stakeholders on Parking

- Develop mixed use parking
- Improve existing parking & build new structures in highly utilized areas



## Outcomes

- ✓ Supported exploring possibility for multiple parking facilities in the downtown core
- ✓ Encouraged looking at ways to increase on-street parking